

## **Chapter 1**

### **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**[HISTORY: Adopted by the Mayor and Council of the City of Seat Pleasant: Art. I, 2-14-1994 as Ord. No. 94-01; Art. II, 1-10-1994 as Res. No. 94-01. Amendments noted where applicable.]**

#### **ARTICLE I**

##### **Adoption of Code**

**[Adopted 2-14-1994 by Ord. No. 94-01]**

##### **§ 1-1. Code adopted.**

The ordinances of the City of Seat Pleasant of a general and permanent nature, adopted by the City Council of the City of Seat Pleasant, as revised, codified and consolidated into chapters and sections by General Code Publishers Corp. and consisting of Chapters 1 through 154, are hereby approved, adopted, ordained and enacted as the "Code of the City of Seat Pleasant," hereinafter known and referred to as the "Code."

##### **§ 1-2. Code supersedes prior ordinances.**

This ordinance and the Code shall supersede all other general and permanent ordinances enacted prior to the enactment of this Code, except such ordinances as are hereinafter expressly saved from repeal or continued in force.

##### **§ 1-3. Effective date.**

All provisions of this ordinance of the Code shall be in full force and effect on and after February 14, 1994.

##### **§ 1-4. Copy of Code on file.**

A copy of the Code in loose-leaf or post binder form has been filed in the office of the City Clerk and shall remain there for use and examination by the public until final action is taken on this ordinance, and if this ordinance shall be adopted, such copy shall be certified to by the Clerk of the City of Seat Pleasant by impressing thereon the Seal of the city, and such certified copy shall remain on file in the office of the Clerk of the city, to be made available to persons desiring to examine the same during all times while the Code is in effect.

##### **§ 1-5. Amendments to Code.**

Any and all additions, amendments or supplements to the Code, when passed and adopted in such form as to indicate the intent of the City Council to make them a part thereof, shall be deemed to be incorporated into such Code so that reference to the "Code

of the City of Seat Pleasant" shall be understood and intended to include such additions and amendments. Whenever such additions, amendments or supplements to the Code shall be adopted, they shall thereafter be printed and, as provided hereunder, inserted in the loose-leaf or post binder book containing said Code as amendments and supplements thereto.

**§ 1-6. Publication and filing.**

The City Clerk of the City of Seat Pleasant, pursuant to law, shall cause to be published, in the manner required, a notice of the passage of this ordinance in a newspaper of general circulation in the city. Sufficient copies of the Code shall be maintained in the office of the Clerk for inspection by the public at all times during regular office hours. Publication of such notice coupled with availability of copies of the Code for inspection by the public, shall be deemed, held and considered to be due and legal publication of all provisions of the Code for all purposes.

**§ 1-7. Code book to be kept up-to-date.**

It shall be the duty of the Clerk, or someone authorized and directed by the Clerk, to keep up-to-date the certified copy of the book containing the Code required to be filed in the Clerk's office for the use of the public. All changes in said Code and all ordinances adopted subsequent to the effective date of this codification, which shall be adopted specifically as part of the Code, shall, when finally adopted, be included therein by reference until such changes or new ordinances are printed as supplements to said Code books, at which time such supplements shall be inserted therein.

**§ 1-8. Sale of Code book.**

Copies of the Code book containing the Code may be purchased from the Clerk upon the payment of a fee to be set by resolution of the City Council, which may also arrange, by resolution, for procedures for the periodic supplementation thereof.

**§ 1-9. Altering or tampering with Code; penalties for violation.**

It shall be unlawful for anyone to improperly change or amend, by additions or deletions, any part or portion of the Code or to alter or tamper with such Code in any manner whatsoever which will cause the law of the City of Seat Pleasant to be misrepresented thereby. Any violation of this section shall be punishable as a misdemeanor, the penalty for which shall be a fine not to exceed \$1,000 or imprisonment for a term not to exceed six months, or both such fine and imprisonment.

**§ 1-10. Severability.**

- A. Each section of the Code and every part of each section is an independent section or part of a section, and the holding of any section or a part thereof to be unconstitutional, void or ineffective for any cause shall not be deemed to affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section or parts thereof.

- B. Each section of this ordinance is an independent section, and the holding of any section or part thereof to be unconstitutional, void or ineffective for any cause shall not be deemed to affect the validity or constitutionality of any other sections or parts thereof.

**§ 1-11. Repeal of ordinances.**

All ordinances or parts of ordinances of a general and permanent nature adopted and in force on the date of the adoption of this ordinance and not contained in the Code are hereby repealed as of the effective date of this adopting ordinance, except as hereinafter provided.

**§ 1-12. Ordinances saved from repeal.**

The adoption of this Code and repeal of ordinances provided for in § 1-11 of this ordinance shall not affect the following ordinances, rights and obligations, which are hereby expressly saved from repeal:

- A. Any ordinance adopted subsequent to September 1, 1992.
- B. Any right or liability established, accrued or incurred under any legislative provision prior to the effective date of this ordinance or any action or proceeding brought for the enforcement of such right or liability.
- C. Any offense or act committed or done before the effective date of this ordinance in violation of any legislative provisions or any penalty, punishment or forfeiture which may result therefrom.
- D. Any prosecution, indictment, action, suit or other proceeding pending or any judgment rendered prior to the effective date of this ordinance brought pursuant to any legislative provision.
- E. Any franchise, license, right, easement or privilege heretofore granted or conferred.
- F. Any ordinance providing for the laying out, opening, altering, widening, relocating, straightening, establishing of grade, changing of name, improvement, acceptance or vacation of any right-of-way, easement, street, road, highway, park or other public place or any portion thereof.
- G. Any ordinance or resolution appropriating money or transferring funds, promising or guaranteeing the payment of money or authorizing the issuance and delivery of any bond or other instruments or evidence of the city's indebtedness.
- H. Ordinances authorizing the purchase, sale, lease or transfer of property or any lawful contract or obligation.
- I. The levy or imposition of taxes, assessments or charges.
- J. The dedication of property or approval of preliminary or final subdivision plats.
- K. Ordinances establishing the amount and manner of payment of salaries or compensation of officers and employees, establishing workdays and working hours

of certain employees and providing for holidays and vacations for employees and keeping of employment records.

**§ 1-13. Changes in previously adopted ordinances.**

- A. In compiling and preparing the ordinances for adoption and revision as part of the Code, certain grammatical changes and other minor changes were made in one or more of said ordinances. It is the intention of the City Council that all such changes be adopted as part of the Code as if the ordinances so changed had been previously formally amended to read as such.
- B. In addition, the following changes, amendments or revisions are made herewith, to become effective upon the effective date of this ordinance. (Chapter and section number references are to the ordinances as they have been renumbered and appear in the Code.)<sup>1</sup>

**§ 1-14. Deposit of copies with state agencies.**

Pursuant to § 9A of Art. 23A of the Maryland Code, a copy of the Code of the City of Seat Pleasant containing the Charter shall be deposited with the Maryland Department of Legislative Reference.

ARTICLE II  
**Ratification of Charter**  
[Adopted 2-14-1994 by Ord. No. 94-01]

**§ 1-15. Nonsubstantive changes.**

In conjunction with the codification of the city's legislation, nonsubstantive changes are made to the Charter of the City of Seat Pleasant as follows:

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ARTICLE I  
**General Corporate Powers**

[101]§ C-101. Continuation of corporate existence.

ARTICLE II  
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[201]§ C-201. Filing of copies.

[202]§ C-202. Original boundaries.

[203]§ C-203. 1945 annexation.

[204]§ C-204. 1947 annexation.

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<sup>1</sup>. Editor's Note: In accordance with § 1-13B, the chapters, parts and sections which were added, amended, adopted or deleted by this ordinance are indicated throughout the Code by a footnote referring to Chapter 1, General Provisions, Article I. During routine supplementation, footnotes indicating amendments or additions will be replaced with the following wording: "amended (added) 2-14-1994 by Ord. No. 94-01." A complete description of all changes is on file in the city offices.

[205]§ C-205. 1951 annexation.

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### ARTICLE III The Council

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[302]§ C-302. Qualifications of Councilpersons.

[303]§ C-303. Salary of Councilpersons.

[304]§ C-304. Meetings of the Council.

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### ARTICLE IV The Mayor

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- [606]§ C-606. Notice of registration days and elections.
- [607]§ C-607. Registration.
- [608]§ C-608. Appeal from action of Board of Supervisors of Elections.
- [609]§ C-609. Council subdivisions.
- [610]§ C-610. Candidates.
- [611]§ C-611. Election of the Mayor and Councilmembers.
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- [615]§ C-615. Special elections.
- [616]§ C-616. Vote count.
- [617]§ C-617. Preservation of ballots.
- [618]§ C-618. Regulation and control.
- [619]§ C-619. Women.
- [620]§ C-620. Violations and penalties.

ARTICLE VII  
Chief Administrative Officer

- [701]§ C-701. Appointment, compensation, duties and removal.

ARTICLE VIII  
Finance

- [801]§ C-801. Fiscal year.
- [802]§ C-802. Budget.
- [803]§ C-803. Budget adoption.
- [804]§ C-804. Appropriations.
- [805]§ C-805. Transfer of funds.
- [806]§ C-806. Over-expenditure prohibited.
- [807]§ C-807. Lapse of appropriations.
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- [809]§ C-809. Taxable property.
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- [814]§ C-814. Fees.
- [815]§ C-815. Audit.
- [816]§ C-816. Tax anticipation borrowing.

[817]§ C-817. Authorization to borrow money.

[818]§ C-818. Payment of indebtedness.

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ARTICLE XVI  
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- [1601]§ C-1601. Officers and employees.
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- § C-1603. Personnel system.
- § C-1604. Pending matters.
- § C-1605. Mayor and Council.

- [203]§ C-203. 1945 annexation.

A. The boundaries of the City of Seat Pleasant are hereby extended to include the following area which is added to said city:

Beginning at a pipe on the east side of Addison Road, formerly known as "Addison Chapel Road," at the

end of the South 52° 00' West 712.14 foot line of a deed from Emma M. Gregory, widow, to the Board of Education, Prince George's County, Maryland, filed among the land records of Prince George's County, Maryland, in Liber 361 at Folio 187 and thence reversely with said line.

- (1) North 47° 07' 50" East 712.14 feet to the beginning of said line; thence
- (2) South 11° 42' 10" East 358.25 feet reversely with North 6° 50' West; thence
- (3) South 48° 56' 40" East 141.93 feet to a point on the northwest side of (George Palmer Highway) Martin Luther King Jr. Highway (60 feet wide), opposite center line station 17° 77.35' as shown on the State Road Commission Plat No. 5255; thence with the northwest side of said highway
- (4) North 41° 03' 20" East 1827.39 feet to the beginning of a curve to the left having a radius of 5,699.58 feet; thence
- (5) South 72° 16' curve 740.96 feet (long cord bearing the length North 37° 19' 52" East 740.44 feet); thence leaving said highway and running
- (6) South 72° 15' West 459.01 feet to a point South 26° 49' 30" East 40.45 feet from the stone found at the southeast corner at Lot No. 34, Block D, Jefferson Heights, recorded among said land records in Plat Book 9 as Plat 50; thence continuing on the same course
- (7) South 72° 15' 50" West 2,093.13 feet to a stone found at the end of the seventh or North 11° 33' West 384.7 foot line of a deed from John W. Gregory, et al, to Isabelle Collins, et al, dated November 2, 1916, and recorded among said land records in Liber 124 at Folio 1; thence reversely with the seventh and sixth lines of said deed
- (8) South 17° 36' 20" east 285.20 feet to a pipe;
- (9) South 44° 26' 40" West 131.20 feet to the beginning of said sixth line; thence outlines of said deed to Collins and running with the nineteenth or South 33 1/2 West 26 1/4 perch line of deed dated December 15, 1888, from Sabina Gregory, et al, John W. Gregory for 19 1/2 acres of land recorded among said land records in Liber J.W.B. 18 at Folio 190; thence
- (10) South 27° West 433.46 feet to a pipe on the east side of Addison Road, formerly known as "Addison Chapel Road"; thence with east side of Addison Road the three following courses and distances:
  - (a) South 27° 23' East 140.50 feet to a pipe; thence
  - (b) South 35° 50' East 296.00 to a pipe; thence
  - (c) South 21° 59' 20" East 115.89 feet to the place of beginning, containing 2,191.839 square feet or 50.318 acres of land, more or less.

B. All of the territory hereby annexed to the City of Seat Pleasant shall after April 27, 1945, be subject to all laws, ordinances and regulations of said city.

**[205]§ C-205. 1951 annexation.**

- A. Described. The boundaries of the City of Seat Pleasant are hereby extended to include the following area: that land bounded on the west by the main stream of Cabin Branch Creek which forms the boundary of the city and on the south and east by Seat Pleasant Drive and on the north by the tributary of Cabin Branch Creek which enters said creek at [George Palmer Highway] Martin Luther King Jr. Highway.
- B. Conditions. All of the territory hereby annexed to the City of Seat Pleasant shall from and after June 1, 1951, be subject to all laws, ordinances and regulations of the Mayor and Council of Seat Pleasant.

**[206]§ C-206. 1983 annexation.**

The boundaries of the City of Seat Pleasant are hereby extended to include:

All that piece or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the Seat Pleasant election district of Prince George's County, Maryland, and being bounded by the northerly right-of-way line of Central Avenue/East Capitol Street as shown on Maryland (States Roads Commission) State Highway Administration right-of-way plats numbered 17080 and 34465, the southwesterly right-of-way line of Yost Place, the northwesterly line of Baltic Street, formerly Maple Avenue, 30 feet wide, and the southwesterly line of the former east Washington Railway Company property, and being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning on the aforementioned right-of-way line of Central Avenue/East Capitol Street at a point where it is intersected by the aforesaid right-of-way line of the East Washington Railway Company and running thence the six following courses with said northerly line of Central Avenue/East Capitol Street as shown on aforementioned (States Roads Commission) State Highway Administration right-of-way plats 351.46 feet along the arc of a curve deflecting to the right, having a radius of 4,032.56 feet and a long chord bearing north 86° 03' 38" west 351.56 feet, thence north 71° 51' 20" west 50.24 feet, thence north 55° 07' 10" west 109.52 feet, thence north 80° 24' 40" west 145.66 feet, thence north 63° 11' 20" west 50.15 feet, thence north 57° 12' 30" west 51.17 feet to intersect the aforementioned northeasterly right-of-way line of Yost Place, thence south 54° 30' 00" west 30.00 feet, with a line crossing said Yost Place, thence north 35° 30' 00" west 718.46 feet with the southwesterly right-of-way line of Yost Place to intersect the aforementioned northwesterly right-of-way line of Baltic Street, thence north 54° 53' 50" east 227.97 feet with said right-of-way line of Baltic Street and an extension of the aforementioned southwesterly right-of-way line of the east Washington Railway Company property, thence the three following courses with said southwesterly line of the railway's property, thence south 42° 04' 53" east 576.05 feet, thence 573.83 feet along the arc of a curve deflecting to the left having a radius of 1,943.00 feet and a long chord bearing south 55° 39' 38" east 571.75 feet to the place of beginning of this description, containing a calculated area of 6.5956 acres of land.

**[609]§ C-609. Council subdivisions.**

Two of the seven Councilpersons shall be selected at large, and candidates for such positions shall have their names placed upon the ballots or upon the voting machine labels for all residents of the city. The other five Councilpersons shall be chosen respectively from the five subdivisions described herein below. Each such Councilperson shall reside in and be duly elected from the particular subdivision from which he/she becomes a candidate for office. The ballots or the voting machines shall be so arranged that the voters in any one subdivision shall be eligible to vote only for those candidates for the City Council coming from the particular subdivisions. The several subdivisions shall have the boundaries as described below.

- A. Ward One. Beginning at the point of intersection of the northwest side of Addison Road and the northwest boundary of the city southwesterly along the city boundary to its intersection with the northeast side of Eastern Avenue; thence southeasterly along the eastern side of Eastern Avenue to the intersection of said boundary with [George Palmer Highway] Martin Luther King Jr. Highway; thence southeasterly along the city boundary to its intersection with Eades Street; thence along the northwest side of Eades Street in a northeasterly direction to its intersection with Addison Road; thence in a southerly direction along the eastern side of Addison Road to its intersection with Drylog Street; thence in a northeasterly direction along the northwest side of Drylog Street to its intersection with 70th Street; thence in a northwesterly direction along the southwest side of 70th Street to its intersection with Seat Pleasant Drive; thence in a westerly direction along the south side of Seat Pleasant Drive to its intersection with [George Palmer Highway] Martin Luther King Jr. Highway; thence in a southwesterly direction along the south side of [George Palmer Highway] Martin Luther King Jr. Highway to its intersection with Addison Road; thence in a northwesterly direction along the west side of Addison Road to its intersection with "G" Street; thence in a northeasterly direction along the north side of "G" Street to its intersection with 64th Avenue; thence in a northerly direction along the west side of 64th Avenue to its intersection with 63rd Place; thence in a northwesterly direction along the southwest side of 63rd Place to the intersection of Greig Street; thence in a southwesterly direction along the south side of Greig Street to its intersection with Addison Road; thence in a northerly direction along the southwest side of Addison Road to its intersection with the

city boundary.

- B. Ward Two. Beginning at the northeast intersection of the city and the northwest side of [George Palmer Highway] Martin Luther King Jr. Highway in a westerly direction along the city boundary to its intersection with the northwest corner of the city boundary; thence in a southerly direction along the city boundary to its intersection with Addison Road; thence in a southerly direction along the northeast side of Addison Road to its intersection with Greig Street; thence in a northeasterly direction along the north side of Greig Street to its intersection with 63rd Place; thence in a southerly direction along the north side of 63rd Place to its intersection with 64th Avenue; thence in a southerly direction along the east side of 64th Avenue to its intersection with "G" Street; thence in a northeasterly direction along the north side of "G" Street to its intersection with Greig Street; thence in an easterly direction along the north side of Greig Street to its intersection with [George Palmer Highway] Martin Luther King Jr. Highway; thence in a northeasterly direction along the north side of [George Palmer Highway] Martin Luther King Jr. Highway to its intersection with the northerly city boundary.
- C. Ward Three. Beginning at the northwest corner of the intersection of Birchleaf Avenue and Seat Pleasant Drive; thence in a northerly direction along the west side of Birchleaf Avenue to its northern end; thence extended on the line of said street to its intersection with [George Palmer Highway] Martin Luther King Jr. Highway; thence in a southwesterly direction along the southeast side of [George Palmer Highway] Martin Luther King Jr. Highway to its intersection with Greig Street; thence in a westerly direction along the south side of Greig Street to its intersection with "G" Street; thence in a southeasterly direction along the south side of "G" Street to its intersection with Addison Road; thence in a southeasterly direction along the northeast side of Addison Road to its intersection with [George Palmer Highway] Martin Luther King Jr. Highway; thence in an easterly direction along the north side of [George Palmer Highway] Martin Luther King Jr. Highway to its intersection with Addison Road and Seat Pleasant Drive; thence in an easterly direction along the north side of Seat Pleasant Drive to its intersection with 70th Street; thence in a southerly direction along the east side of 70th Street to its intersection with Drylog Street; thence in a northeasterly direction along the north side of Drylog Street to its intersection with the eastern boundary of the city; thence in a northerly direction along the eastern boundary of the city to its intersection with Seat Pleasant Drive; thence in an easterly direction along the north side of Seat Pleasant Drive to its intersection with Birchleaf Avenue.
- D. Ward Four. Beginning at the intersection of Seat Pleasant Drive and the Cabin Branch Tributary; thence in a westerly direction along the Cabin Branch Tributary and city boundary to their intersection with [George Palmer Highway] Martin Luther King Jr. Highway; thence in a southwesterly direction along the south side of [George Palmer Highway] Martin Luther King Jr. Highway to its intersection with the northerly direction along Birchleaf Avenue and its extension along its east side to its intersection with Seat Pleasant Drive; thence in an easterly direction along the north side of Seat Pleasant Drive to its intersection with the Cabin Branch Tributary.
- E. Ward Five. Beginning at the intersection of Drylog Street and Cabin Branch Creek; thence in a southerly direction along Cabin Branch Creek to its intersection with Central Avenue; thence in a westerly direction along the north side of Central Avenue to its intersection with the western city boundary; thence in a northwesterly direction along the westerly city boundary to its intersection with the western extension of Eades Street; thence in a northeasterly direction along the south of Eades Street to its intersection with Addison Road; thence in a southerly direction along the west side of Addison Road to its intersection with Drylog Street; thence in a northeasterly direction along the south side of Drylog Street to its intersection with the Cabin Branch Creek.

## ARTICLE X

### Public Ways and Sidewalks

#### **[1001]§ C-1001. Definitions.**

As used in this Charter, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

PUBLIC WAYS — Includes all streets, avenues, roads, highways, public thoroughfares, lanes and alleys.

**[1002]§ C-1002. Control of public ways.**

The city has control of all public ways in the city except such as may be under the jurisdiction of the Maryland (States Roads Commission) State Highway Administration. Subject to the laws of the State of Maryland and this Charter, the city may do whatever it deems necessary to establish, operate and maintain in good condition the public ways of the city.

**§ 1-16. Advertisement in newspaper required.**

This resolution shall be advertised in a newspaper of general circulation in the city not less than four times at weekly intervals after adoption of the resolution.

**§ 1-17. Posting requirements.**

The Mayor or the City Administrator shall give notice of this Charter amendment by posting an exact copy of this resolution at the City Hall or other public places for a period of not less than 40 days after its adoption.

**§ 1-18. When effective.**

This Charter amendment shall take effect on the 50th day after adoption by the City Council, provided that the resolution has been posted for the requisite time mentioned above and advertised in a paper of general circulation in the city as stated above.